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Corporator demands inquiry into housing scheme for urban poor

PUNE: Congress corporator Sanjay Balgude on Thursday demanded an inquiry in housing projects being built under the basic services to urban poor (BSUP) scheme."A number of land related issues have cropped up in housing projects that are being built under this scheme. Some issues are related to ownership of the land, while some issuesare related to the possession of the land," said Balgude, while addressing a news conference here. Balgude said the PMC has secured funds from the Union government for this scheme. "Therefore, it is the duty of the civic administration to be more vigilant while implementing the scheme. But, it seems a lot of mistakes have taken place right from drafting the detailed project report to the actual implementation of this scheme. So, the civic administration should order an inquiry by a retired high court judge," he said. Right now, nearly 1,100 houses are available under the BSUP scheme. Two major housing projects are taking place in Pune at Hadapasar and Warje. The urban poor residents from the western parts of the city will be shifted to BSUP buildings in Warje, while the residents in the eastern zone will be shifted to Hadapsar.

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